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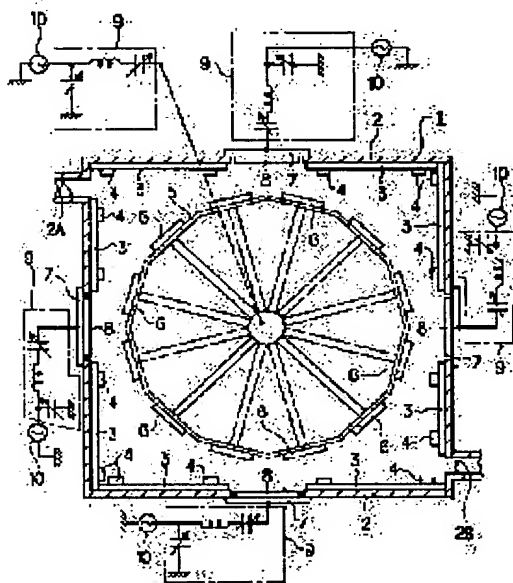
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(54) SEMICONDUCTOR FILM FORMING APPARATUS



(57)Abstract:

PURPOSE: To enhance yield of manufacture in a semiconductor film forming apparatus by setting a maximum height of a surface roughness accuracy of a fixing member in the apparatus to a range of a specific value.

CONSTITUTION: A plurality of film-coating preventive plates 3 formed of quartz glass are stretched around an inner wall of a film forming chamber 2. The plates 3 prevent a coating film (silicon oxide film) from coating the inner wall of the chamber 2 when the oxide film is formed on a main surface of a semiconductor wafer 6. The surface of each plate 3 is surface treated such as frosted, sandblasted, GBB-treated, etc., and its surface roughness accuracy is set to a maximum height of about 5 to 20 μ m. The plates 3 enhance coverage of the coating film covering the surface to prevent the coating film from

being peeled and dropped from the surface.

CLAIMS

[Claim(s)]

[Claim 1] Semi-conductor membrane formation equipment characterized by setting the surface roughness precision of said holddown member as the maximum height of 4 micrometers thru/or 15 micrometers in the semi-conductor membrane formation equipment with which an adhesion-proof board is fixed to the wall of a membrane formation chamber by the holddown member.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[Detailed Description of the Invention]

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[0006] In addition, the maximum height showing the surface roughness precision of said adhesion-proof board is based on Japanese Industrial Standards [B601(surface roughness)].

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[Function] Since according to the means mentioned above covering nature with the covering film put on the surface of a holddown member becomes high when forming membrane formation on the front face of a holddown member, and the principal plane of the semiconductor wafer arranged in a membrane formation chamber, it can prevent that ****-ed separates and falls from the front face of a holddown member on the principal plane of a semiconductor wafer. Consequently, since the defect of the semiconductor wafer by the peeling omission of the covering film can be prevented, the yield on manufacture with semi-conductor membrane formation equipment can be raised.

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DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

[Brief Description of the Drawings]

[Drawing 1] the part which shows the outline configuration of RF sputtering system which is one example of this invention -- a cross-section block diagram.

[Drawing 2] The important section expanded sectional view of drawing 1 .

[Drawing 3] The important section expanded sectional view of drawing 2 .

[Description of Notations]

1 [-- An adhesion-proof board, 4 / -- A holddown member, 4A / -- A head, 5 / -- A substrate electrode (cathode), 6 / -- A semiconductor wafer, 7 / -- A target electrode (anode plate) 8 / -- A quartz target, 9 / -- RF matching circuit, 10 / -- RF power source.] -- RF sputtering system (semi-conductor membrane formation equipment), 2 -- A membrane formation chamber, 2 A -Ar supply pipe, 2B -- Evacuation tubing, 3

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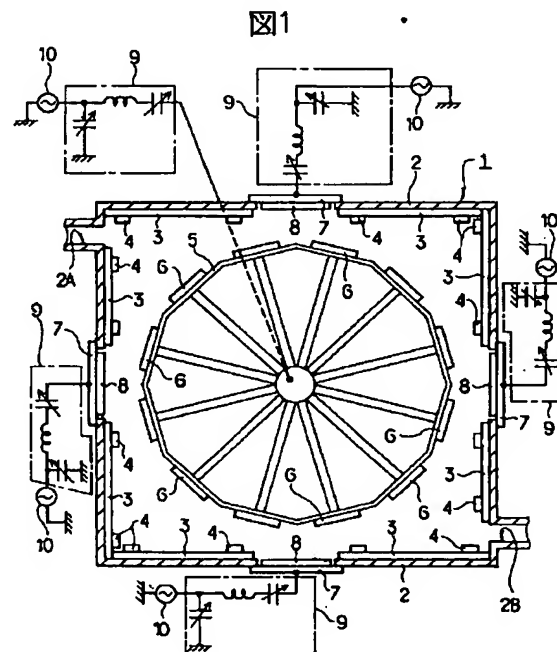
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(54) 【発明の名称】 半導体成膜装置

(57) 【要約】

【目的】 半導体成膜装置での製造上の歩留まりを高める。

【構成】 成膜チャンバ2の内壁に防着板3が固定部材4で固定される半導体成膜装置1において、前記固定部材4の表面粗さ精度を最大高さ4 μ m乃至15 μ mに設定する。



【特許請求の範囲】

【請求項 1】 成膜チャンバの内壁に防着板が固定部材で固定される半導体成膜装置において、前記固定部材の表面粗さ精度が最大高さ $4\ \mu\text{m}$ 乃至 $15\ \mu\text{m}$ に設定されていることを特徴とする半導体成膜装置。

【発明の詳細な説明】

【0001】

【産業上の利用分野】本発明は、半導体成膜装置に関し、特に、成膜チャンバの内壁に防着板が固定部材で固定される半導体成膜装置に適用して有効な技術に関するものである。

【0002】

【従来の技術】半導体製造技術で使用される成膜装置として、例えば金属膜、絶縁膜等の成膜に好適な RF (Radio Frequency) スパッタ装置がある。この RF スパッタ装置は、陰極と陽極とからなる 2 極冷陰極グロー放電構造を持ち、電極間に高周波電圧を印加してグロー放電を発生させ、陰極上のターゲット表面でのスパッタ現象を利用して成膜の形成を行う。

【0003】前記 RF スパッタ装置は、成膜チャンバ内に半導体ウエーハを配置し、この半導体ウエーハの主面上に金属膜、絶縁膜等の成膜を形成する。成膜チャンバは例えばステンレス材で形成される。成膜チャンバの内壁には例えばセラミック材からなる防着板が張り巡らされている。この防着板は、半導体ウエーハの主面上に成膜を形成する際、成膜チャンバの内壁に被着膜が被着するのを防止している。

【0004】前記防着板の表面にはフロスト処理、サンドブラスト処理、GBB (Glass Beads Blast) 処理等の表面処理が施され、その表面粗さ精度は例えば最大高さ (Rmax) $5\ \mu\text{m}$ 乃至 $20\ \mu\text{m}$ 程度に設定される。つまり、RF スパッタ装置は、防着板の表面粗さ精度を前述のように設定し、防着板と半導体ウエーハの主面上に成膜を形成する時に防着板の表面に被着する被着膜との被着性を高め、防着板から半導体ウエーハの主面上に被着膜が剥がれ落ちるのを防止している。

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【0006】なお、前記防着板の表面粗さ精度を表す最大高さは、日本工業規格 (B601 (表面粗さ)) に基づく。

【0007】

【発明が解決しようとする課題】本発明者は、前述の半導体成膜装置である RF スパッタ装置について検討した結果、以下の問題点を見出した。

【0008】前記 RF スパッタ装置 (半導体成膜装置) は、防着板の表面に被着する被着膜の剥がれを防止する

ために防着板の表面粗さ精度を設定し、防着板の表面とこの防着板の表面に被着する被着膜との被着性を高めている。しかしながら、成膜チャンバの内壁に防着板を固定するための固定部材 (ネジ部材) の表面粗さ精度については何の設定もなく、固定部材の表面粗さ精度は防着板に比べて平滑になっている。このため、成膜チャンバ内に配置された半導体ウエーハの主面上に成膜を形成する際、固定部材とこの固定部材の表面に被着する被着膜との被着性が低下し、固定部材から半導体ウエーハの表面に被着膜が剥がれ落ち、半導体ウエーハに不良が生じる。つまり、RF スパッタ装置での製造上の歩留まりが低下するという問題があった。

【0009】本発明の目的は、半導体成膜装置での製造上の歩留まりを高めることが可能な技術を提供することにある。

【0010】本発明の前記ならびにその他の目的と新規な特徴は、本明細書の記述及び添付図面によって明らかになるであろう。

【0011】

【課題を解決するための手段】本願において開示される発明のうち、代表的なものの概要を簡単に説明すれば、下記のとおりである。

【0012】成膜チャンバの内壁に防着板が固定部材で固定される半導体成膜装置において、前記固定部材の表面粗さ精度を最大高さ $4\ \mu\text{m}$ 乃至 $15\ \mu\text{m}$ に設定する。

【0013】

【作用】上述した手段によれば、固定部材の表面と、成膜チャンバ内に配置された半導体ウエーハの主面上に成膜を形成する時に固定部材の表面に被着する被着膜との被着性が高くなるので、固定部材の表面から半導体ウエーハの主面上に被着膜が剥がれ落ちるのを防止できる。この結果、被着膜の剥がれ落ちによる半導体ウエーハの不良を防止できるので、半導体成膜装置での製造上の歩留まりを高めることができる。

【0014】

【実施例】半導体成膜装置である RF スパッタ装置に本発明を適用した、本発明の一実施例について図面を参照して説明する。なお、実施例を説明するための全図において、同一機能を有するものは同一符号を付け、その繰り返しの説明は省略する。

【0015】図 1 は本発明の一実施例である RF スパッタ装置の概略構成を示す一部断面構成図、図 2 は図 1 の要部拡大断面図、図 3 は図 2 の要部拡大断面図である。

【0016】図 1 に示すように、半導体成膜装置である RF スパッタ装置 1 は、成膜チャンバ 2 内に複数の半導体ウエーハ 6 を配置し、この複数の半導体ウエーハ 6 の夫々の主面上に成膜として例えば酸化珪素膜 (SiO_2) を形成する。

【0017】前記複数の半導体ウエーハ 6 の夫々は基板電極 (陽極) 5 に載置される。基板電極 5 には RF マッチ

ング回路9が接続され、このRFマッチング回路9にはRF電源10が接続される。

【0018】前記成膜チャンバ2の一端には、成膜チャンバ内に例えばAr(アルゴン)ガスを供給するArガス供給管2Aが連結される。また、成膜チャンバ2の他端には、成膜チャンバ内の気圧を低くする真空排気管2Bが連結される。つまり、成膜チャンバ2内にはArガスが充填される。

【0019】前記成膜チャンバ2には4つのターゲット電極(陰極)7が配置される。4つのターゲット電極7の夫々にはRFマッチング回路9が夫々毎に接続され、このRFマッチング回路9の夫々にはRF電源10が夫々毎に接続される。4つのターゲット電極7の夫々には石英ターゲット8が夫々毎に載置される。つまり、本実施例のRFスパッタ装置1は、ターゲット電極(陰極)7と基板電極(陽極)5とからなる2極冷陰極グロー放電構造を持ち、これらの電極間に高周波電圧を印加してグロー放電を発生させ、ターゲット電極7上の石英ターゲット8の表面でのスパッタ現象を利用して半導体ウエーハ6の主面上に酸化珪素膜を形成する。

【0020】前記成膜チャンバ2の内壁には例えば石英ガラスで形成された複数の防着板3が張り巡らされている。この防着板3は、半導体ウエーハ6の主面上に酸化珪素膜を形成する際、成膜チャンバ2の内壁に被着膜(酸化珪素膜)が被着するのを防止している。防着板3の表面にはフロスト処理、サンドブラスト処理、GBB処理等の表面処理が施され、その表面粗さ精度は例えば最大高さ(Rmax)5 μ m乃至20 μ m程度に設定される。この防着板3は、その表面に被着する被着膜との被着性を高め、その表面から被着膜が剥がれ落ちるのを防止している。

【0021】前記複数の防着板3の夫々は、図1及び図2に示すように、成膜チャンバ2の内壁に固定部材4で固定される。固定部材4は、例えばポリイミド系樹脂材からなるネジ部材で構成される。この固定部材4において、成膜チャンバ2内に露出する頭部4Aの表面粗さ精度は4 μ m乃至15 μ mに設定される。この頭部4Aの表面粗さ精度は、図3に示すように、固定部材4の頭部4Aの表面に垂直な平面で切断した時、この切り口にあられる輪郭を拡大記録した断面曲線から基準長さ例えば3mmをとり、この間の最も高い山と最も深い谷との高さ(Rmax)を μ m単位であらわしたものである。なお、表面粗さ精度については、例えば社団法人日本機械学会発行の機械工学便覧(JIS(日本工業規格)B601、表面粗さ)に記載されている。

【0022】このように構成されるRFスパッタ装置1は、成膜チャンバ2内に配置された半導体ウエーハ6の主面上に酸化珪素膜を形成する際、固定部材4の頭部4Aの表面上に被着膜(酸化珪素膜)が被着する。この被着膜の被着性は、本発明者の実験によれば、頭部4Aの表

面粗さ精度に依存し、平滑すぎても、粗すぎても低下することから、前述のように、固定部材4の頭部4Aの表面粗さ精度を最大高さ4 μ m乃至15 μ mに設定することにより高めることができるので、頭部4Aの表面から被着膜が剥がれ落ちるのを防止できる。

【0023】なお、前記固定部材4は、頭部4Aが成膜チャンバ1内に露出するネジ部材に限定されず、さらネジ部材、押えボルト部材、埋込ボルト部材等で構成してもよい。

【0024】このように、成膜チャンバ2の内壁に防着板3が固定部材4で固定されるRFスパッタ装置(半導体成膜装置)1において、前記固定部材4の表面粗さ精度を最大高さ4 μ m乃至15 μ mに設定する。この構成により、固定部材4の表面と、成膜チャンバ1内に配置された半導体ウエーハ6の主面上に酸化珪素膜(成膜)を形成する時に固定部材4の表面に被着する被着膜との被着性が高くなるので、固定部材4の表面から半導体ウエーハ6の主面上に被着膜が剥がれ落ちるのを防止できる。この結果、被着膜の剥がれ落ちによる半導体ウエーハ6の不良を防止できるので、RFスパッタ装置1での製造上の歩留まりを高めることができる。

【0025】以上、本発明者によってなされた発明を、前記実施例に基づき具体的に説明したが、本発明は、前記実施例に限定されるものではなく、その要旨を逸脱しない範囲において種々変更可能であることは勿論である。

【0026】例えば、本発明は、マグネトロンスパッタ、イオンビームスパッタ、バイアスパッタ、反応性スパッタ等の全てのスパッタ装置に適用できる。

【0027】また、本発明は、プラズマCVD装置に適用できる。

【0028】

【発明の効果】本願において開示される発明のうち代表的なものによって得られる効果を簡単に説明すれば、下記のとおりである。

【0029】半導体成膜装置での製造上の歩留まりを高めることができる。

【図面の簡単な説明】

【図1】本発明の一実施例であるRFスパッタ装置の概略構成を示す一部断面構成図。

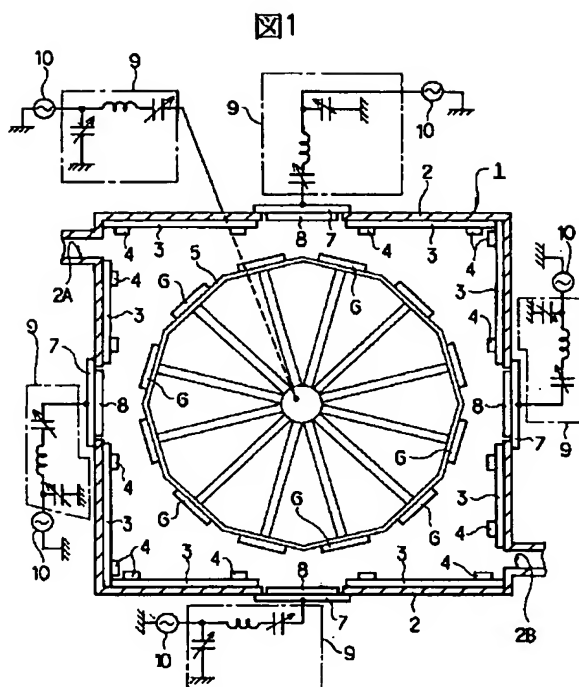
【図2】図1の要部拡大断面図。

【図3】図2の要部拡大断面図。

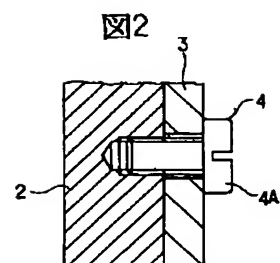
【符号の説明】

1…RFスパッタ装置(半導体成膜装置)、2…成膜チャンバ、2A…Ar供給管、2B…真空排気管、3…防着板、4…固定部材、4A…頭部、5…基板電極(陰極)、6…半導体ウエーハ、7…ターゲット電極(陽極)、8…石英ターゲット、9…RFマッチング回路、10…RF電源。

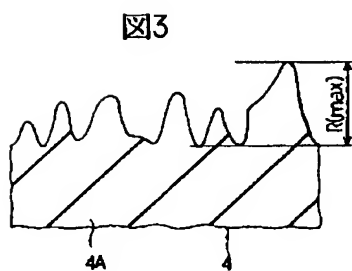
【図1】



【図2】



【図3】



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